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Mark Your Calendar

"Stop Bullying" Video Challenge

Deadline: October 14, 11PM

Youth invited to create short video on ways to take action against bullying and promote kindness and respect. Grand prize \$2,000 and \$500 for 2 runner-ups.

For more information, see [StopBullyingInitiative](#)

Eyes Open Iowa 10th Annual Conference

November 1-2

Location: Marriott West Des Moines

Ignite, Energize, & Engage: Revitalizing Adolescent Sexual Health Education

Questions or comments? Email julie@eyesopeniowa.org

IYC Annual Conference

November 1-3

The 7th Annual Iowa Youth Congress Session will be held in the Iowa House Chamber in Des Moines.

Questions or comments? Email Frances.Collins-Dusseault@iowa.gov

Iowa Non-Profit Summit

November 7-8

Location: Des Moines Hyvee Hall
Registration now open!

Summit to encourage continuing efforts to promote the exchange of information and resources among non-profit and volunteer management professionals.

Questions or comments? Email icvs@iowa.gov

The Governor's Bullying Prevention Summit

November 27

Registration now open!

This conference will be held to raise awareness on the issue of bullying. Registration open to public. For more information, see information and link located in this newsletter under Youth Development News.

Questions or comments? Email Tana.Mullen@iowa.gov

***Want your event in the next newsletter? Contact jayci.adams-nordstrom@iowa.gov with the date,

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Youth Development News

Update on Iowa Youth Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJJ) is updating the Youth Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. ([Click Here](#)) The current handbook is out-of-date (published in 2004), and there are plans to change the format, graphics, etc., and expand/modify the content. We are looking for youth input to help identify the subject areas most important to youth completing the survey (link is below). In order to make this handbook more understandable, accessible, and used more often, we need youth opinions. We are seeking youth ages 21 and younger to take this survey. However, we are passing this information along to adults as well as youth, asking the adults to share this survey with as many youth as possible.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YOUTHRRH>

Please pass on this link to youth whom you know. This survey will be available to complete until November 1, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact jayci.adams-nordstrom@iowa.gov

Iowa School Safety Guide

The school administrators of Iowa website contains a link to help youth sort through legal issues they may encounter at school. General legal topics include activities, attendance, bullying, custody, enrollment, homelessness, human resources, internet safety, open meetings laws, sex offenders, special education, student conduct, student records, sexual orientation, and technology. Not only does this site go in-depth about circumstances that may occur, it links youth to Iowa resources that can provide assistance and support. The following link will provide you more information: <http://www.sai-iowa.org/legalissues/>

Are You a Teen Worker?

This year, the Department of Health and Human Services updated its ["Are You a Teen Worker?"](#) handbook. This includes an in-depth look at rights and responsibilities of teens as focused on the working environment. Links to additional resources are also included.

Any Cell Phone Usage Illegal

Any type of cell phone usage is illegal for all those holding learner permits or intermediate licenses. All drivers, regardless of age, are banned from texting. The DMV has made available a brief guide covering laws pertaining to teenage driving. See, "Teen Drivers: A Beginner's Guide" at <http://www.dmv.org/how-to-guides/teens-guide.php>

\$750,000 Grant to Fund Juvenile Justice Reform Project

The Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning (CJJJ) has received a \$750,000 grant from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The three-year cooperative agreement will provide training and technical assistance to implement a set of evidence-based and cost-measurement tools in the juvenile justice system. The project will assist juvenile court services in three judicial districts (including Waterloo, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Sioux City, and Storm Lake) to make informed decisions and to determine the effectiveness of program services. The initiative will assist in identifying the right programs, for the right juvenile offender, at the right time. For questions, contact: Kathy.Nesteb@iowa.gov

To submit an article or resource, email jayci.adams-nordstrom@iowa.gov with an internet link and description.

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council Update

It was an exciting day on September 19, 2012, as the SIYAC Council convened in the basement of the Capitol to discuss and work on things that as a council we are working towards for this upcoming year. The meeting started with opening announcements and then we quickly moved into our first item of business. We started by having question and answer sessions with three different panels. They included health and wellness, education, and harassment. The council asked many questions to the panelists and the panelists gave many points to ponder. After a short recess for lunch, we reconvened for a time of discussion and preparation for committee work. As a council, we discussed what we wanted to sponsor and how we wanted committees to form. We then decided to continue with the committees that were formed last year including the health and wellness, education and harassment committees. We then split up into our committees and appointed a chairperson for every committee. The committee worked on their plans for the year and what they wanted to see SIYAC accomplish this year. Some of the things committees came back with included things such as toolkits, talking to representatives, and working with things in legislation. The meeting adjourned with final announcements and we safely traveled back home. I have good and confident feelings about what SIYAC strives towards accomplishing this year. *Natalie Te Grootenhuis (Public relations chair)

You can learn more about SIYAC's 2012 committees and their work with community partners by [clicking here](#).